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SUBJECT: SUCCESSOR TO AMBASSADOR FALIN

REFS (A) BONN 16487
(B) BONN 14989

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A SEPTEMBER 12 CALL BY THE
DCM, FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR BLECH SAID THE
SOVIETS HAD STILL NOT REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR A SUCCES-
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SOR TO FALIN THOUGH LAPIN REMAINS THE MOST FREQUENTLY
MENTIONED CHOICE.

2. BLECH SAID A SOVIET JOURNALIST HERE, WHO SOMETIMES
SERVES AS AN UNOFFICIAL CHANNEL FOR HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET
VIEWS, HAD SAID NO DECISION WOULD BE MADE ON AN
AMBASSADOR UNTIL AFTER THE HESSE ELECTION. THE SOVIETS

APPEAR TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE STATE ELECTION AND BLECH CITED THEIR POSTPONEMENT OF FRG-USSR POLITICAL DIRECTOR CONSULTATIONS (REF A, PARA 10) IN THIS REGARD. BLECH SPECULATED THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE PREPARING FOR A LAME DUCK GOVERNMENT AS A RESULT OF HESSE AND THAT THEY WOULD WISH TO APPOINT, OR AT LEAST INSTRUCT, THEIR NEW AMBASSADOR ACCORDINGLY. HE WAS UNSURE, AS ARE WE, AS TO HOW THE SOVIETS WOULD REACT TO SUCH A CHANGED POLITICAL SITUATION.
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